

In the Specification:

At page 1 of the application as originally filed, please add the following heading and paragraph at the first line under the title:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/316,393, filed May 21, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,734,160, which is a divisional of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/292,345, filed August 17, 1994, now United States Patent No. 6,001,968. All applications and patents are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.--

At page 75, lines 3 through 25, of the application as originally filed, please replace the paragraph found therein with the following paragraph:

--Modulators of weight, including, for example, two isoforms of murine and human ob polypeptides, are provided, as well as diagnostic and therapeutic uses and methods comprising such. Also provided are nucleotide sequences, degenerate variations thereof, and proteins expressed by such. Such materials are useful, for example, as molecular probes, as primers for polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification, as well as for the generation of antibodies. Also provided are vectors comprising such nucleotide sequences, including bacterial, insect, and mammalian expression vectors, which nucleotide sequences are operatively associated with an expression control sequence. Cells transformed or transfected with such vectors, and the use of such in the preparation of disclosed modulators, are also provided.--